

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 4 07:07:12 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 05:35:25 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501041137.AA06152@bobcat.etsu.edu>  
From: wier@bobcat.etsu.edu (Bob Wier)  
Subject: Re: B&W coax switches UPDATE

At 2:59 PM 1/3/95 -0600, Tony Stalls wrote:

|Reference the B&W switches below.

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|As of 3:50PM EST today (1/3/95), they are completely out of the 3 position  
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|Tony

|K4KY0

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anyone say what spec'd freq range on these switches are?

THANKS & 73 de WB5KXH

-- Round Up the Usual Disclaimers! --  
Bob Wier, CS Dept., East Texas State University  
wier@bobcat.etsu.edu - keeper of the  
Motorola MC68HC11, Photo-3D, SD3D,  
Icom Radio and Overland Trails mailing lists

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 4 11:39:41 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 10:04:00 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9501040719.A12469-01000000@netcom20>  
From: paul Veltman <veltman@netcom.com>  
Subject: Re: B&W coax switches UPDATE

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Well, first of all, there are at least 3 less switches than there were a couple of minutes ago. Thanks Tony. I also asked if they had antennas, and the guy over there told me that the antenna switches are all he had left.

Looking at the AES catalog, it says that these coax switches are 50/75 ohm, VSWR of less than 1.2:1 up to 150 MHZ, crosstalk -45db between adjacent outlets and -60db between alternate outlets.

73

Paul WA6OKQ

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 4 12:33:46 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 10:56:02 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501041655.AA08298@bobcat.etsu.edu>  
From: wier@bobcat.etsu.edu (Bob Wier)  
Subject: Re: B&W coax switches UPDATE

At 10:04 AM 1/4/95 -0600, paul Veltman wrote:

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Sounds good to me - I also went ahead and called 'em. Can't remember if it's been pointed out here, but they have a \$25 minimum order, so you have to go for 3 - at this point (10AM MST Wed. (mumble - MST whazzat? - the forgotten timezone!)) there were 70 left...

THANKS for the tip! & 73 de WB5KXH

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 4 13:43:20 1995

Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 12:08:01 -0600  
Message-Id: <01HLG73EXEJ690N0VP@ACAD.FANDM.EDU>  
From: CCS\_MAH@admin.fandm.edu (Mark Hemlick Ph. D.)  
Subject: Re: Background info, books etc.

Hi Nora and welcome.

>Can anyone recommend some basic level reading about simple electronics,  
>construction and operation of radios (modern as well as tubed) and related  
>topics.

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>Thanks for your help.

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>Norm Fleming, Winnipeg, Canada.

I think one of the best introductory books on electronics and radio is the 1965 edition of "Elements of Radio" by Marcus and Marcus. It emphasizes vacuum tube electronics but there is one chapter on solid state. Easy to understand, takes you step by step. A local college library may have it. Good luck! BTW, Marcus also wrote some excellent books on tube radio servicing: "Practical Radio Servicing" is one.

73 Mark KA3LFG

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 4 08:57:59 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 07:24:18 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950104072935.15125A-100000@access4.digex.net>  
From: Tony Stalls <rstalls@access.digex.net>  
Subject: Re: Equipment Prices

On Wed, 4 Jan 1995, Rick\_Blank wrote:

> I Totally agree that the prices of equipment is going up and  
> conditions are going down, it seems as if the good stuff is going  
> overseas or to collectors who will never again use the rigs...

If prices are going up, that means that somebody (me?) is paying them and like it or not, that's the way the market says it is. Just look at the number of people on this list and the size of ER's circulation.

I had a list of wants and went after them over several months and I have to say that I didn't get any bargains. My first purchase was a "good" HT-37 for \$100 that works, but was junk and to me, a write-off. I paid over \$100 for a rough BC-348, my Viking II, although nice externally,

needed work (more \$\$) was \$150, the Ranger II (also with minor problems) was \$200, the rough Adventurer was \$60, the highly modified Globe Scout was \$60, and my R-390A was \$300 before Rick Mish got hold of it. The only real bargain was the gift of the Viking 6n2 from K4EFV, a high school classmate.

I now have my HQ-180-AX for sale at the \$300 I paid Radio Recyclers for it that I've had only a couple of months. I looked for a good one for a long time and felt that particularly being an "AX", I was getting a good deal at today's prices. As you mentioned, the straight 180's are bring \$250 and up. I might add that I'm trying to sell it only because of the (gasp!) \$390 bill from Mish. That makes my investment in the R-390A a total of (double gasp!!) \$690! (You don't have to say it, I will. I must be nuts!) As nice as it is, do you suppose that I could ever recover even half of what I have in it? (Right after WHAT freezes over?)

I've reached a point where I have to say "no more" and have even been considering either letting the Ranger or Viking II go although I don't want to.

I've apparently paid top dollar for everything, but then everybody else is too. I have been looking for an original cabinet for my R-390A to take the place of this old black Premier I have, but even though Fair gets \$75 for them when they have them, I haven't seen one advertised for less than \$150. OK, I think \$150-200 is way too much for an empty surplus aluminum box, but it means I may not get one. I upped my ER to first class mail a few months back because it got to the point that I was calling advertisers on the day it was delivered only to find the goodies were almost always gone. The days of \$50 Globe Kings are gone.

> This sun-of-a-gun is also supposed to be getting an SX-88 in a  
> package deal and he asked me what one was worth...  
> I asked him how much he wanted for it...  
> I guess he is going to try and get the max he can instead of  
> making a tidy profit and letting it go to a buddy who would really  
> appreciate it....so much for friendships, huh?

Well, it would seem so, but perhaps his appreciation for what it is might not be like yours. It might just be a commodity to him. Having hot dogs to go with his pork & beans might be what he has in mind.

> I guess that if I was like some of the fatherless sorts that are  
> in the hobby just to make large profits from hams then I would  
> probably feel differently, but, I got into hamming by being an old  
> receiver nut and it just p\*\*\*es me off!

I have a problem with that too, notably some of the publishers like one California chap who has never bothered to upgrade above Technician Class

although he has been licensed for 30 years or more. However, I don't have a problem with those who have gotten into amateur radio and then have tried to make a living by selling goodies because they enjoy the hobby. They are still subject to what the market brings. They don't go around sticking guns in our ribs to get their prices. Besides, I would rather see Neal Lawton or some other fellow ham make a buck than see Tucker or some other mass buyer do it. You can bet that none of these guys are getting rich from it.

73,

Tony  
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 4 14:01:46 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 12:24:25 -0600  
Message-Id: <199501041813.KAA27806@hobbes.UCSC.EDU>  
From: haynes@cats.ucsc.edu (Jim Haynes)  
Subject: Re: Equipment Prices

Collect mechanical Teletypes! They're still giving them away! (or paying the dump to take them).

>From the Felton Memorial Home for Homeless Teletypes :- ) :- )  
Jim W6JVE

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 4 23:41:42 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 21:19:53 -0600  
Message-Id: <950104194418\_71333.144\_DHQ50-4@CompuServe.COM>  
From: don merz <71333.144@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Mags, Books...

Vintage Radio Gear For Sale and Wanted

CONTACT: Don Merz, N3RHT: 47 Hazel Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228  
412-234-8819 (weekdays, EST or leave a message anytime).

#### RADIO MAGAZINES

QST 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979: Complete years: \$8 each

CQ 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92: \$7 per year

73 1962 - 1980 complete. Mint original condition. \$150

#### AMSAT

NEWSLETTER 29 issues covering volume 4, #3 through Volume 11, #4.

(not complete). 1972 - 1979. Several neat extra early AMSAT promotional brochures. As-new condition. \$20

#### VARIOUS HAM AND WIRELESS LITERATURE, "HB" = HardBack

Sams Tube Substitution Handbook, Vol2. 2, 1961. \$4  
Brochure: "Radio, How To Make And Operate." 1922, Goldsmith Publishing Company, Cleveland, Ohio. 4" by 5" booklet (60 pages) covering crystal set and 1-tube "audion" construction. Really nice. \$27  
"Tuning in On A New World" brochure published by Condensite to promote their Celoran line of panel materials. It's an introductory kind of How-To brochure covering 1 to 5 tube set construction. With schematics. Good condition. About 1924. \$14  
Kenwood International Users Group Newsletter Volume 1, Number 1 through Volume 30 complete. With indexes: \$11  
1960-61 Radio Amateur Callbook (U.S.). Cover poor. \$15  
1971-72 Foreign Radio Amateur Callbook. Good: \$14  
Radio Amateur Callbook Magazine, Winter 1935-36, cover rough. \$18  
ICS Radio Operators Handbook, 1924, 1st Edition. HB: \$27  
Practical Wireless Telegraphy, Elmer Bucher, 1921, SPARK!, HB: \$41  
Servicing Superheterodynes, Rider, HB: \$22  
Sams Ham Antenna Construction Projects, 1963, 1st Edition: \$11  
World Radio/TV Handbooks, As-new: 1979: \$10  
1985: \$7  
1987: \$7  
73 Vertical, Beam and Triangle Antennas by Ed Noll, 1970: \$7  
CQ-DX Annual. 1948. 1st Edition, 1st Printing. \$13  
The Audio Tape Recorder Directory, 1959-1960, fair: \$2  
Bell System Technical Journal, Index to Volume 9, 1930: \$3  
Rohn Tower Catalog, 1980. Useful reference for buying used towers: \$2  
WORLD'S FAIR

Official Guide Book To The 1939 New York World's Fair. Excellent condition with covers. Make an offer.

#### 11 METERS

Sams Handbook of CB Radio Repair, dated 1961, Sams #CB-1: \$11  
\* Includes schematics, alignment and repair notes for Apelco AR-9, Globe CB-100, Gonset G-11 and G-12, Hallicrafters CB-1, Heath CB-1, Lafayette HE-15, Morrow CB-1, RCA P2 and P3 and models by Citi-Fone, Regency, Radson, Raytheon, U.S.L., Viking and Vocaline.

ARRL PUBLICATIONS	1927 ARRL Handbook. Loose cover. \$66
	1932 ARRL Handbook. Water Damage. \$33
	1956 ARRL "Operating An Amateur Radio Station:" \$3

1958 ARRL "Operating An Amateur Radio Station:" \$3  
ARRL Antenna Book, 4th Edition, 1946: \$10  
ARRL Hints & Kinks, 1978: \$6  
Fifty Years Of The ARRL, 1981, 1st Edition: \$8

## CATALOGS

### Allied

1963 Supplement. New-in-mailer. \$3

### Laffayette

1948 Laffayette Concord "Christmas Book." Very Good. \$9

### Other Catalogs

Eisemann Brochure; Audio Frequency Amplifying Transformers, small. I'm guessing late-teens or early 20's. \$1

1938 Modells "Electrical Essentials." Catalog. Mostly Appliances.

New-in-mailer. \$16

Swan Color Brochures from 1979. Covers 100MX, 102BX and 150 models. New. \$2

Heath Company "Time Payment Book" cover only. IBM punch-card style. \$1

1957 Grommes (Precision) catalog. Small, B&W. Excellent: \$3

Audels "Trade Books for Mechanics" catalog. About 1950. As-new. \$3

RCA Institutes catalog. 1958. In original mailer. \$4

NRI "How To Reach The Top Jobs In TV" course catalog and sales brochure.

In original mailer. \$3

Newark 1979 catalog. \$6

## BOATANCHOR MANUALS

Collins 75A4 professional photocopy: \$12

Drake TR-3. Excellent. \$16

Hallicrafters HT-12 Manual Photocopy: \$5

Hallicrafters S-40A clean photocopy. \$8

Hallicrafters S-40 good photocopy. \$8

Hallicrafters 5R40 Manual. Original, excellent: \$12

Heathkit HWA-2036-3 Power Supply Assembly Manual. As-new. \$5

Kenwood T599A original manual. \$18

RCA 8516 Marine Receiver manual photocopy: \$9

Swan 250C Manual Photocopy: \$11

## BROADCAST RADIO-TV LITERATURE, SERVICE DATA, TEST GEAR MANUALS

Sears Silvertone Owner's Manual with the following catchy title: "10 tube Superheterodyne With Push-Button Tuning, Recorder and Automatic Record Changer." No model number is given. In original mailing envelope dated February 22, 1945. \$6

Heath TS-1A TV Alignment Generator original manual. Very Early Heath: \$4

Sylvania TV/FM Sweep Signal Generator Type 500 original manual: \$6  
Sylvania TV Marker Generator Type 501 original manual: \$6  
Mallory 101 UHF TV Converter Original User/Service manual: \$7  
Sams Modular Hi-Fi Service Manual Volume 12 (1971) \$3  
Sams Photofact Annual Indexes. Each index covers all Sams photofacts, and all Sams publications from photofact #1 in 1946 through the year of the index.  
\$3 each. Years Available: 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980  
Sams (Radio) Photofact number 1: \$27  
Sams Photofacts numbers 3, 7, 8, 9: \$9 each  
Sams Photofacts numbers 15, 16, 17, 29, 40: \$5 each  
GE Television Receiver Service Guide. Large format. Starts with 800-series sets (late 40's). Great "photo-index." \$8  
Magnavox Television Schematics/Parts List 1948-1953. Large Format. Photos of all Magnavox sets. Neat. \$8  
Alliance Tenna-Rotor Service Manuals:  
1-- Covers T-10, U-83, K-22, T-12, U-98, T-20, U-100, T-95, C-225: \$4  
2-- Covers ATR, DIR, HIR, F-4, T-10, U-83, K-22, T-12, U-98: \$4  
1971 RCA Reference Book-pocket-size, good: \$3  
Instruction book for Sears Silvertone 682 radio/phonograph. As-new. \$3  
Knight-kit 5 tube AM radio assembly manual. As-new: \$3

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 4 11:54:37 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 10:18:16 -0600  
Message-Id: <01HLG2TMM41E0010AA@utrcgw.utc.com>  
From: QUACK <MUSCORJ@hsdwl.utc.com>  
Subject: Prices

I traded in a Heathkit GC-1A and Q-Multiplier on a new Hammarlund HQ-180A back in February 1965. It cost me the equipment and \$357.  
I wouldn't sell it for under \$300.  
I value a 390A between 150 and 200 in good condition; no more no less.  
Wish I had the Mohican back.  
I sold my Valiant for \$150, exactly what I paid for it, ten years later.

Just my thoughts on prices.

Ron

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 4 12:06:08 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 10:29:41 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9501040958.A539142260-01000000@LAGUNA.EPCC.EDU>  
From: BOBME@laguna.epcc.edu  
Subject: Re: Prices



On Wed, 4 Jan 1995, QUACK wrote:

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When you figure in inflation, you sold the rig for less than what you paid for it. Inflation, and the law of supply and demand is driving up the prices.

Bob, N0HDL

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 4 09:35:03 1995

Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 08:01:26 -0600

Message-Id: <950104135939\_71333.144\_DHQ70-2@CompuServe.COM>

From: don merz <71333.144@compuserve.com>

Subject: Ramblings

In my opinion, all the rating systems in the world are no substitute for asking the right questions. Is the paint original? Does it have any extra switches or knobs or holes? Are the knobs original? Are there wear marks around the knobs? Is the lettering crisp and readable? etc..etc...etc... and then finally, THE most important question: Would you be willing to take this back if I'm not happy with it? A "no" answer doesn't mean the worst, but it tells you something.

I have gone ahead and done the deal many times anyway and been (mostly) satisfied. OTOH, a refusal to walk through detailed answers to the condition questions is an automatic deal breaker. Stop right there and look elsewhere.

On the price/availability/quality question, I think that the recent nostalgia craze has really forced up prices. When I bought my Collins 75A4 receiver and then had to do \$275 worth of repairs to it, I thought it was a financial disaster. But the fact is that the value of 75A4's has now been pushed up to the point that I didn't lose my shirt after all. Boatanchors are a good investment.

And more people know that now than just two years ago.

OTOH, one of my pet peeves is guys who collect multiples of various sets with no intention of using them. The Collins collectors are particularly guilty here. But others are not immune--when I was selling my SX-88, a guy got into a protracted e-mail discussion with me about my price (which he thought was WAY too high). Finally, in his last message, he said "well I'm just telling you that I didn't pay anything like that for my other SX-88s." Our conversation ended right there. I wouldn't have sold it to him for more than I was asking because I won't support that kind of greedy Ugly American BS. Enough is enough and some people in this hobby can't tell the difference.

But that's just people everywhere in every hobby. By and large, the folks in this hobby are quite a fine group of people. My wife has patiently answered the phone for me hundreds of times and has repeatedly commented on how invariably polite and friendly "these radio guys" are. It's true and I certainly appreciate it.

Oh well, I digress: Here's the "Executive Summary:" Prices are going up. Because availability is going down. And prices on pristine gear are going way up. But what the hell, we should all be doing some restoration anyway so we can leave the hobby better than we found it. QED

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 4 10:49:57 1995

Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 09:13:50 -0600

Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.950104095039.28728A-1000000@access1.digex.net>

From: Tony Stalls <rstalls@access.digex.net>

Subject: Re: Ramblings

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One local guy I bought a BA from took me in and proudly showed me his collection of antique radios and referred to them as his retirement fund. I put my retirement money into an IRA and other traditional investments, but numbers on a monthly statement are a lot more boring than being able to go in and admire what you've bought. As for multiple items, it could well be that the collector has a special fondness for a particular item and specializes in them. For an example in another area, I have a friend who collects 1903 Springfield rifles and he has a room full of them and can tell you the about pedigree on each and every one. Although he regards them as an investment, he also truly appreciates them and their historical significance. They'll be taken care of and it's not likely that any of them will end up being "sporterized" (hacked up and destroyed) in a similar fashion that so many nice military radio treasures have. ("Send \$2 for BC-348 info...")

The point is that although I like nice new-looking BA's to play with, others regard them as both things that they appreciate for what they are and also as something that may help keep a roof over their head in their later years. For those reasons, I don't have such a hard time letting them pursue their wants. Besides, if we have these kinds of folks around, we can be reasonably assured that these treasures will survive.

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With a few exceptions, that is certainly true. It would appear that the BA bunch are very much that way. I genuinely feel as if I were among friends here. I wish I could say that about rec.radio, etc. and the BBS's.

73,

Tony  
K4KY0

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From: paul Veltman <veltman@netcom.com>  
Subject: Ramblings etc.

Hello anybody,

I have a number of comments regarding discussions that have come down line to me.

1. Don is absolutely right. Any ratings system is secondary to asking the right questions. I saved your comments Don, and if you have any more, please post them.
2. I haven't seen much posted to baratings. Is this effort running out of gas?
3. Lets get the "greed" word out of these discussions. Recently, the word "greed" has come to simply represent kvetching by the liberal segment of society. They resent the profits made by the hard work of the rest of us. And speaking of Profits, probably most of us on this list are simply hobbyists. We buy some BAs, and then sell them later. Some buy one BA at a time, restore it, and then sell it. Some have racks and racks of stuff. I have a neighbor and friend who is a TMC collector. He has everything that they ever made. And he rents a small warehouse

to store all this stuff.

There is a distinct segment, however, who are in the BUSINESS of buying and selling radios. These people are entitled to make a decent return on their investment. We, as customers, also have the right to say NO! As long as there are hams out there who are willing to pay exorbitant prices for stuff, then I believe that these business people have a right to collect the money. You should see the action on Collins gear when a bunch of JAs hit town.

I guess it all comes down to this. My father had a good friend that was the worlds largest producer of a particular commodity. He also was into the commodities market on this one product. During one of our discussions, he told me that if one wants to trade in these kind of markets, be it stocks, commodities, ham radio gear, you have to pick your horse and stick with it. Don't try to trade everything -----> and become an EXPERT in that field. Read everything you can about that field. Then you'll be successful and enjoy it. Otherwise, take your money to Reno (Atlantic City for those of you 3 hours ahead) and plop it down on a crap table.

Anyway, down off the soap box. This time I will add a disclaimer that this post is not intended as a slap or to rag on any one individual or group of individuals (with the exception of a couple of my leftist relatives). The post is made simply to throw my thoughts in with the mash and maybe a better brand of BA will drip out of the still.

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Paul WA6OKQ

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Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 08:57:35 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501041524.AA102860@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu>  
From: rdkeys@csemail  
Subject: Re: Ramblings, etc.

Thus Spake Don.... or was that Zarathustra....., et al....

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I think that Don has said the magic bottom line here, and we all need to realize that, precisely, even tho there are a few of what I would call ``semi-quasi-boatanchorites, of the third waters'' that we all have run across on occasions, with greed and the almighty buck as first

priority. For the rest of us ``boatanchorites of the first water'', we have as the credo.....

....that the bottom line is:

We are but the temporary custodians and caretakers of the wisdom and the learning and the art and the craft and the hardware of boatanchordom. Let us not be the ones who have taken greed as the first principle, but, let us be the ones who have preserved boatanchordom for those that shall follow us and ply these hallowed waters.....

I have gone through tonnes of boatanchors in some 27 or so years of playing the child grown up, but have always tried to keep the above bottom line in mind. It has served me quite well.

Most of us boatanchorites have a tendency to be slightly beset with the mittlings of age, a bit of myopic MaGoo in the eyeballs, a tad of the loss of color in the hair towards the greybeard (if much hair is left), and a slight stoop to the gait from bending and craning one's neck too many times under the hamfest tables where the real boatanchors lie amidst the boxes and dust of time. By all sorts, we have, maybe some 20 or so years to be the said custodians and caretakers of our fine boatanchors. As such, the boatanchors will, with great ease, and some touch of TLC, long outlive us. Would we rather be remembered as the fella who was that greedy ol' bastard with the exorbitant prices on all that junk, or as that kindly ol' greybeard who took good care of what he had, and in the end passed it along to another of like wisdom.

``Enuff said'', as ``The Old Man'' was fond of saying.....

``And that was that'', as my OM was fond of saying.....

(You all remember who TOM was, don't you..... with his great epistles to the young squirt, back in the dark reaches of time, in the days of rotten QRM, etc..... (:+}}..... If not, we should all go back and read a little ancient history, from the primordial days of boatanchors.)

....as always, with slight tongue in cheek, Bob/NA4G.

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* 73 TU SU VA DE NA4G          ``Boat Anchor Bob'', an ol' CW fart. *
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* Morse has been in the family for over 100 years. *
* Morse radiotelegraphy (Spark/CW) has been in the family since 1914. *
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\* May you have fair winds and following seas on your watch at the key. \*  
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 4 14:12:00 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 12:34:05 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501041032.ZM15975@mechcad3.esd.sgi.com>  
From: "Mark Glusker" <glusk@mechcad3.esd.sgi.com>  
Subject: silk screening

I am in the middle of recreating some dials, so I have some preliminary comments.

The computer is an *\*ideal\** tool for this. I scanned in a badly aged dial (the cream-colored plastic had turned dark amber) and have been cleaning it up using Adobe Photoshop. This is the best program I have found for this sort of work. Scan in at a resolution more than double the eventual silk screen resolution (not sure what this will be in my case, so I am using 800 dpi). Resist the temptation to redraw all the letters - instead use the tools the program provides to automatically restore the image. In this way, not only are the results more consistent but it is also a *\*lot\** faster (my dial has *\*hundreds\** of numbers on it). Work on small areas at a time and save often. Caution: the files are BIG - about 6 MB for a 800 dpi 6-inch square grayscale image. E-mail me if you want more details on the exact procedure I use in Photoshop.

I plan to have the resulting black-and-white image plotted out on a Linotron (high resolution laser writer with film output). Then I'll take it to a local graphic arts place and have a screen made. I will do the actual screening of the new dials myself. Total estimated cost about \$50. I'll let you know the actual cost and the pitfalls of this part of the process when I get there.

One final note - I personally would not try substituting modern fonts for the lettering on boatanchors. They may look close, but as far as I am concerned, using the wrong font is just like using the wrong knobs. Additionally, it is impossible to get professional results by rubbing down one letter at a time - you can't get the kerning right by eye. The restoration of a panel is already a huge effort - it isn't that much harder to recreate the right font (if you have a computer). Also, I wouldn't trust dry-transfer lettering for any exposed lettering. When we have industrial design appearance models made here at work, they always have dry-transfer lettering and it looks like hell after a few weeks (despite a clearcoat!).

Mark Glusker, glusk@esd.sgi.com

(there's always hot stamping and pad printing to fall back on if the silk

screening doesn't work)

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 4 12:31:08 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 10:50:09 -0600  
Message-Id: <9501041648.AA1652@hqsmtp.ops.3com.com>  
From: Joe Reda/HQ/3Com <Joe\_Reda@3mail.3Com.COM>  
Subject: RE: SX-62A for sale

Chris says:

<snip>

>...If I had to sell it now,  
>I wouldn't post something like "taking offers until x", and wait for the  
>collector with huge available cash to pay \$400 for it. I would talk to  
>hams I know and let it go to someone who wanted it as bad as I once did.  
>Also, I would take \$175-not because I'm a philanthropist, but because it  
>has some worn lettering and think that a radio should only take top  
>dollar when it is TRULY mint-so clean and perfectly serviced to the point  
>of ridiculousness.  
>Regressing back to idealism, I believe the situation will improve for us  
>BA users and restorers if we (1) consciously sell only to hams with the  
>intent of using the gear-not reselling, (2) take a fair price for the  
>gear-not the absolute potential top dollar, and (3) refuse to pay absurd  
>prices and not be shy in telling the seller he or she is asking too much  
>(done tactfully of course).

I was wondering if anyone else felt this way. I don't like ads that say, "best offer", "serious offers only", "taking bids until xxxxxxxx" (what is this, a construction project?); and I don't respond to 'em no matter how much I want the gear. Once, I had a radio to sell and in a moment of weakness I had overpriced it. A potential buyer tactfully told me so and I came back to reality and have stayed there ever since. IMHO, what Chris has to say is not only idealism but also common sense.

\\JR

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 4 08:55:56 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 07:21:53 -0600  
Message-Id: <199501041319.FAA09956@ix.ix.netcom.com>  
From: jlockwd@ix.netcom.com (Jim Lockwood)  
Subject: RE: SX-62A for sale or supply and demand

I've noticed, as I'm sure most have, that asking prices for old radios

are going up. But that doesn't necessarily mean that the selling prices have to also rise.

Any of these old radios is worth whatever a willing seller and a willing buyer can agree on. No more, no less.

Since buying an old radio won't cause peace to breakout on Earth, won't solve the problem of worldwide famine, and in general is a luxury, it's an act that is non-essential. Therefore, if a seller is asking more than you are willing to pay, logic says you can walk away from the deal with a clear conscience.

The only fly in the ointment is when you suddenly happen on that one radio that you have been seeking for decades and your body language reveals this significant point to the seller. When this happens, you're stuck, and prices rise.

As long as people are willing to pay big bucks for wore out ol' radios, people will sell 'em for big bucks.

Jim - km6nk

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 4 11:46:18 1995  
Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 10:10:05 -0600  
Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9501040839.A539142260-01000000@LAGUNA.EPCC.EDU>  
From: BOBME@laguna.epcc.edu  
Subject: RE: SX-62A for sale or supply and demand

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Also, don't forget the law of supply and demand. This one law that cannot be broken. Since the supply of old radios is decreasing, the prices will surely rise. As the number of people seeking these old boatanchors increases, people will dig these old things out of basements, attics, and garages; they will do a little superficial cleaning and call it mint condition.

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Yep, its hard to disguise your intense desire to own that piece of  
"treasure" when you are drooling like a rabid dog.

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> Jim - km6nk

And this is really the bottom line. If no one was paying the big bucks,  
no one would be asking for big bucks.

Bob, NOHDH

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 4 12:19:10 1995

Date: Wed, 4 Jan 1995 10:44:29 -0600

Message-Id: <"4-Jan-95 11:31:43".\*.Schroeder.wbst207v@Xerox.com>

From: Schroeder.Wbst207V@xerox.com

Subject: Wanted - 75A2 Manual

Hollowstaters,

Santa was good this last year, dropping off a 75A2 for my enjoyment.

Unfortunately,

the manual did not come with the radio. Willing to cover any costs involved in  
obtaining

a copy of the manual.

73

Russ W2DYY

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